

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 13, 2000
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; TERRI BRIERE; KING PARKER.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMAN DON PERSSON. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LAWRENCE J. WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; SYLVIA ALLEN, Recreation Director; FRED KAUFMAN, Hearing Examiner; DEREK TODD, Assistant to the CAO; CLARK PETERSEN, Library Director; ACTING COMMANDER BOB TOMKINS, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2000, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Parks: Summer Recreation
Program Report

Sylvia Allen, Recreation Director, reviewed the programs and activities the Recreation Division offered during the summer. Pointing out that there are recreational opportunities for all age groups, she described the many special events, youth and adult sports programs, kids camps, leisure classes, special populations activities and senior programs. Ms. Allen concluded by expressing her appreciation for the Council's continuous support of the City's recreation programs. Responding to Councilman Parker's inquiry regarding staffing, Ms. Allen said that the Recreation Division employs 22 full-time employees but during the summer, an additional 30 to 50 part-time people are employed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

- ✱ Sound Transit is investing in a complement of capital projects to give HOV lanes direct access to, or travel priority at, key locations into and out of downtown Renton in order to provide buses and carpools a competitive travel advantage.
- ✱ The Renton Special Population Volleyball team and 23 of Renton's 70 bowlers competed in the State Special Olympic Tournament last weekend.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At the request of Councilmembers, items 7.f. and 7.h. were removed for separate consideration.

Appointment: Civil Service
Commission

Mayor Tanner appointed James Matthew, 2138 Whitman Ave. NE, Renton, 98059, to the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy created by Darrell Ingelmund's resignation; term to expire 12/31/04. Refer to Community Services Committee.

Hearing Examiner:
Appointment

Mayor Tanner reappointed Fred Kaufman as the City's Hearing Examiner for a four-year term commencing 1/31/01 and expiring 1/31/05. Council concur.

CAG: 99-097, Downtown Park
and Gateway Construction, A-1
Landscaping

Community Services Department submitted CAG-99-097, Downtown Park and Gateway Construction; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$3,214.54, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$52,114.26 to A-1 Landscaping and Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Technical Services: La Pianta
Drainage Easement, Sunnydale
Downstream Storm System
Replacement

Technical Services Division requested approval of an amended drainage easement with La Pianta LLC to allow the City to construct and maintain portions of a new storm pipe on private property as part of the Sunnydale Downstream Storm System Replacement Project. Council concur.

CAG: 00-092, 2000 Street
Overlay, Western Asphalt

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-00-092, 2000 Street Overlay; and recommended approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$72,672.33, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$3,824.86 to Western Asphalt, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Utility: Aloha Ranch Div 2 Lot
Line Adjustment & Purchase of
Lot 8, NE 24th St

Utility Systems Division recommended authorization of a lot line adjustment between Lots 8 and 9 of Aloha Ranch Division 2 and for the purchase of Lot 8 located at NE 24th St., which contains a City-owned emergency generator building, in the amount of \$19,000. Refer to Utilities Committee.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM 7.f. AND 7.h. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration
Item 7.f.

Airport: Airport Advisory
Committee

Transportation Systems Division recommended the establishment of an Airport Advisory Committee to enhance communication among the airport, community residents and airport users, and seek solutions to aircraft noise and other airport issues.

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler requested that staff provide more detail regarding the need for a \$30,000 expenditure to establish the Airport Advisory Committee. She also asked for clarification regarding the Talbot Hill representative on the proposed Committee member list. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER TO THE TRANSPORTATION (AVIATION) COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Separate Consideration
Item 7.h.

CAG: 00-069, Solid Waste
Collection Contract, Waste
Management-Rainier

Utility Systems Division recommended approval of an amendment to the Solid Waste Collection Contract with Waste Management-Rainier which reduces the contracted disposal cost for weekly commercial compacted containers due to an overstatement of the original assumption of the disposal weights.

Councilman Clawson explained that the addendum modifies the contract by substantially reducing the compacted trash rates for commercial dumpsters. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT AMENDMENT WHICH MODIFIES THE WEEKLY COMPACT CONTAINER DISPOSAL FEE ASSUMPTIONS AND

ADDS LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE FUTURE WEEKLY COMPACTOR
CONTAINER WASTE STUDIES. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Sims –
Proposed Multi-County
Transportation Governance
Authority

Correspondence was read from Ron Sims, King County Executive, advising that the Puget Sound Regional Council will move forward on developing a united multi-county governance front in time for the 2001 legislative session.

Mayor Tanner expressed his concerns regarding the speed with which this proposal is moving forward. He explained that a task force convened by Executive Sims recommended the establishment of a multi-county regional transportation authority with planning and funding responsibility for key state and regional roadway projects and related regional transit projects. Mayor Tanner recommended that the City pursue finding out more about this effort and recommended that the matter be referred to Committee of the Whole. He offered to arrange for King County to brief Council on the impact this may have on the City's transportation funding.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER
THIS LETTER TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: O'Halloran
– Stop Sign at SE 4th St &
Anacortes Ave SE

Correspondence was read from Mike O'Halloran, 4420 SE 4th St., Renton, 98059, requesting the installation of a stop sign on the corner of SE 4th St. and Anacortes Ave. SE. A petition signed by 25 citizens was included with the letter. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER
THE LETTER AND PETITION TO THE TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

Budget: 2001

Council President Corman presented a report recommending that the City Council adopt the 2001 Budget in the total amount of \$128,379,675.

The Committee further directed the following issues be addressed:

- a. The Administration needs to provide the definition and number of contract workers.
- b. The Budget document shall illustrate consistency in publication with different types of employees.
- c. The Administration shall resolve the discrepancy in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) concerning the Performing Arts Center, and report on the extra \$100,000 shown in the Budget document.
- d. The Carry Forward Ordinance provided to the Council in the first quarter of 2001 shall include at least \$2.3 million for the Pavilion Building.
- e. The Council refers the question on the need for an animal control officer to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion in 2001.
- f. The Council refers the question of additional staff for the Council to be discussed at the Council retreat.

This Budget includes 5.5 new positions. In addition, the 2001 Budget increases the neighborhood program by \$32,000 to provide more funding for neighborhood picnics. The Budget increases the Centennial Program for a total budget of \$106,000 in 2001. The 2001 Budget continues the City's obligations to the Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$200,000 and the construction of a new South County Regional 911 Center in the amount of \$300,000. Further, the

Budget continues the City's commitments to Port Quendall, the Highlands, Marketing Plan and Endangered Species Act.

While there are many additional needs in the City, it is important to note that in context of Initiative 722 the City needs to proceed with caution. This Initiative

not only puts at risk up to \$797,000 of current revenue but may cause the City to repay \$250,000.

The 2001 Budget assumes the property tax rate will remain no higher than \$3.40 per \$1,000. The Council concurs with the use of fund balances to meet possible needs in the context of Initiative 722.

The Committee further recommended the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.*

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler clarified that the money for the Pavilion Building will be included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

*MOTION CARRIED.

**Community Services
Committee**

Parks: Hanging Flower Baskets

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the Hanging Basket Beautification Program. The Community Services Committee recommended initiating a Hanging Flower Basket Program to include one time start up costs of container acquisition, arm fabrication and installation, and annual costs of planting and maintenance.

The Committee further recommended that this matter be referred to Council for the allocation of \$30,000 in the 2001 budget. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Councilmember Nelson reported that 100 hanging baskets will be placed along S. 2nd, S. 3rd and S. 4th Streets. Ms. Nelson expressed her appreciation to the Parks Department staff for their efforts in determining which poles will handle the weight of the hanging baskets.

Utilities Committee

Finance: 2000 Solid Waste Ordinance

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending the adoption of the 2000 Solid Waste Rates Ordinance as amended by the Committee. This ordinance increases yard waste to weekly pick up for no additional cost. It also adds new services for our residential and commercial customers.

The Committee amended the ordinance for bulky goods pickup. The costs will be as follows: A trip charge of \$20.00 and then a \$10.00 per item charge for white goods, sofas, chairs, mattresses and box springs. Refrigerators and freezers require additional costs to remove harmful chemicals. They can now be picked up for a \$20.00 trip charge plus \$35.00 per item. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance: 2001 Solid Waste Rates

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending the 2001 Solid Waste Rates Ordinance be adopted as proposed with amendments for bulky goods pickup and compactor rates.

In 2001, rates for most residential and commercial services will increase by 5 percent. In addition, the Committee concurred with the recommendation to create two types of subsidies for low-income seniors. Based on federal rules, an individual can receive a 75 or 40 percent subsidy on a mini-can service.

The Committee also concurred with the recommendation to decrease the compactor rates to reflect the new costs as identified by the contractor.

Finally, the Committee changed the ordinance to reflect the new rates for bulky goods. Bulky goods can now be picked up at the curbside for a \$20.00 trip fee and a per item cost of \$10.00 for sofas, chairs, white goods, mattresses and box springs. Refrigerators and freezers have a \$35.00 per item cost in addition to the trip fee. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Utility: Utility Systems
Development Connection
Charges Fee Schedule

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending that Council adopt the Utility System Development Charges for the Water, Wastewater, and Surface Water Utilities (column 2 in table below), plus changes in the associated ordinance. These revisions will take effect on January 1, 2001.

	(1) Existing Fees	(2) New fees based on updated plant value as of 12/31/99 + 2000 & 2001 CIP costs
WATER		
single family	\$850	\$1,105
mobile, manufactured home (80%)	\$680	\$885
multi-family (60%)	\$510	\$665
fee per sq. ft.	\$0.113	\$0.154
WASTEWATER		
single family	\$585	\$760
mobile, manufactured home (80%)	\$465	\$610
multi-family (60%)	\$350	\$455
fee per sq. ft.	\$0.078	\$0.106
SURFACE WATER		
single family, mobile home	\$385	\$525
fee per sq. ft.	\$0.129	\$0.183
Residential fee/single family	\$1,820	\$2,390
Commercial fee/sq. ft.	\$0.32	\$0.443
Fee/Acre	\$13,939	\$19,297

	Current annual revenue projection	Estimated additional annual revenue	Approximate amount utility would need to increase rates to raise the same revenue
Water	\$400,000/yr.	\$150,000	2.0%
Wastewater	\$300,000/yr.	\$100,000	3.0%
Stormwater	\$250,000/yr	\$ 80,000	3.0%

The Committee further recommended that the ordinance regarding this matter be presented for first reading. **MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE**

REPORT WITH THE ADDITION THAT THE FEES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE ADMINISTRATION EVERY TWO YEARS AND THE RECOMMENDATION REFERRED TO COUNCIL.*

Responding to Council inquiry, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman said that the last major revision of the fees occurred approximately five years ago.

*MOTION CARRIED.

ESA: WRIA-Based Salmon Conservation Plan, Water Resource Inventory Areas 8 & 9, King County et al

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Water Resource Inventory Areas 8 and 9 Watershed Planning Interlocal Agreement. The Utilities Committee recommended concurrence with the Planning/Building/Public Works Department's recommendation that Council approve the resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the local governments within Water Resource Inventory Areas 8 and 9 for the funding and development of salmon conservation plans.

The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption.

The City of Renton's share of the cost, for the development of salmon conservation plans in Water Resource Areas 8 and 9, is \$25,000 annually for five years. The funding is proposed for appropriation in the 2001 Surface Water Utility Budget. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Transportation (Aviation) Committee

Airport: Renton Chamber of Commerce Lease Extension (LAG-61-633)

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Vice-Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce airport lease extension. The Transportation Committee recommended that:

- a. The City Council approve addendum #2-00 to lease LAG-61-633 between the City of Renton and the Greater Renton Chamber of Commerce, and
- b. The Mayor execute the lease addendum.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Airport: Space Rental and Use & Collection of Charges

Transportation (Aviation) Committee Vice-Chair Clawson presented a report regarding the resolution relating to airport space rental, use and collection of charges. The Transportation Committee recommended that:

- a. The City Council approve the resolution adopting regulations relating to airport space rental, use and collection of charges, and
- b. The resolution be adopted.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Finance Committee

Human Resources: Actuarial Study on Self-Insured Programs, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report regarding the actuarial study for four self-funded programs in the 502 fund. The Finance Committee recommended concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve the proposal from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC to perform an actuarial analysis.

The purpose of the proposed actuarial study is to quantify the City's existing self-insured liabilities and minimum funding requirements, so the City can better

assess how much of the “rainy day” fund truly is available for other purposes. The consultant will perform an actuarial analysis on four separate self-insured programs which include: Workers Compensation; Liability; Medical, Dental, Prescription drug, Vision; and LEOFF I.

The scope of work proposed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC also includes peer benchmarks regarding target funding levels as well as estimates and recommendations for 2001/2002 funding levels.

The cost for the proposed professional services is outlined below and funds are available in the current budget.

Workers Compensation	\$6,000
Liability	\$7,000
Medical/Dental	\$7,000
LEOFF I	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,000

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3475

Airport: Space Rental and Use & Collection of Charges

A resolution was read authorizing the adoption of regulations pursuant to RCW 14.08.122 that relate to airport space rental, use and collection of charges. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

Resolution #3476

ESA: WRIA-Based Salmon Conservation Plan, Water Resource Inventory Areas 8 & 9, King County et al

A resolution was read authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement between King County, the City of Renton and other cities within Water Resource Inventory Areas 8 and 9 for the purpose of managing, funding, developing, reviewing and approving WRIA-based watershed plans for salmon conservation. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 11/20/00 for second and final reading:

Budget: 2001

An ordinance was read adopting the annual budget for the year 2001 in the total amount of \$128,379.675. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/20/00. CARRIED.

Finance: 2001 Solid Waste Rates

An ordinance was read adding to and amending Sections 8-1-9.A, 8-1-9.B and 8-1-9.C of Chapter 1, Garbage, and Section 8-4-31.C.1 of Chapter 4, Water, of Title VIII (Health & Sanitation) of City Code related to year 2001 utility rates for all customer classes. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/20/00. CARRIED.

Utility: Utility Systems Development Connection Charges Fee Schedule

An ordinance was read amending Section 4-1-180.I of Chapter 1, Administration and Enforcement, of Title IV (Development Regulations) of City Code by changing the fee schedule for Utility System Development Charges. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON

11/20/00. CARRIED.

Utility: Utility Tax, Gross
Income Definition

An ordinance was read readopting a portion of Chapter 11, Utility Tax, of Title V (Finance and Business Regulations) of City Code by adding a new section entitled "Definition of Gross Income." MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 11/20/00. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Event: Renton
High School Renton Players,
"Horrible Murders at
Hollywood Hotel"

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler announced that the Renton High School Renton Players will present *Horrible Murders at Hollywood Hotel*, an original dinner theater mystery, on December 1 and 2, 2000. For reservations or further information call Renton Players at (425) 204-3517 or the Renton High School Main Office at (425) 204-3400.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:35 p.m.



MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Michele Neumann
November 13, 2000